

POLICE

4/30/09 - 5/6/09

Traffic Summons - 60

Calls for Service - 521

Incident Base Reports - 35

Reportable Criminal Arrest - 38

2009 YTD Calls for Service - 9,036

Martinsville Police COP Unit along with Henry County Sheriff's COP Unit held another session of the Teen Academy. This weeks class was taught by 1st Sgt. Muse from the National Guard Drug Task Force on drug identification and use. Students discussed the dangers of different types of drugs and how they affect your body.

Martinsville COP Unit Officers C. A. Gravely and Sgt. Farley participated in the Martinsville City Schools 29th Annual Special Olympics Field Day. Torch Bearer Richard Zavala led the parade of athletes around the track for the opening ceremony. Two hundred forty athletes participated in this event from Martinsville High School, Albert Harris Elementary School, Martinsville Middle School, Patrick Henry Elementary School, and Clearview Early Childhood Center.

--Amber Fulcher

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works crews continue working on the Cherry Street Rehabilitation Project. The existing pavement was milled and reshaped to fit the new curb and gutter. Paving will start on this section of the project within the next month. Grading for street widening on Cherry Street Extension is also underway.

Public Works staff met with US Representative Tom Periello to review plans for the upcoming methane collection and flaring project at the closed

landfill. Construction plans have been finalized and the project will be advertised for bidding on May 17.

A new traffic signal was installed at the intersection of View and Liberty Streets. The light will not be fully operational until the new bank opens at this location.

--Jeff Joyce

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Breakfast Club met at the Sirloin House on May 4 with five members present. The Plantation Band entertained forty-seven seniors at the Tuesday evening dance held at the Armory.

The entire Senior Center staff is now making preparations for the 2009 Health Fair & Craft Show to be held at Laurel Park's Lancer Hall on May 14. Free health screening will be provided and door prizes will be given away. A free barbecue lunch will also be served.

--Betsy Pace

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On May 7, the community's first residential sprinkler system was dedicated at 1031 Jordan Street. This was part of the celebration of Building Safety Week. The president of the Virginia Building and Code Officials was the keynote speaker. Much credit must be given to Senior Combination Code Inspector Kris Bridges for putting this program together.

Also occurring this week, Cecil Lowe and Tammy Thacker of the Housing Office, have been attending the required training for Housing Counselors in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The final touches have been made for the "Makeover Martinsville" to be conducted on Saturday, May 9 at the Farmer's Market.

--Wayne Knox



RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER SYSTEM DEDICATION

